Sl. No.	Navy	Air Force
24.		Sarsawa
25.		Pune
26.		Jamnagar
27.		Hyderabad
28.		Begumpet
29.		Hakimpet
30.		Bidar
31.		Amla
32.		Kalaikunda
33.		Bagdogra
34.		Allahabad
35.		Bakshi KaTalab
36.		Bareilly
37.		Gorakhpur
38.		Uttarlal
39.		Nallya
40.		Trivandrum
41.		Tambaran
42.		Nagpur
43.		Nasik
44.		Hindon
45.		Dalhousie
46.		Kasauni
47.		Barrakpore

Private sector companies manufacturing arms and ammunitions

*779. DR. ABRAR AHMED: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies in Private Sector who are manufacturing arms and ammunitions;

(b) whether Government have issued any guidelines for selling the production of such companies:

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

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(d) whether there is provision of foreign participation in these companies, if sd, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) to (d) in May, 2001 Defence industry sector, which was hitherto reserved for the public sector has been opened upto 100% for Indian Private Sector participation with Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), permissible upto 26% both subject to licensing.The Indian Private Sector can now manufacture all types of defence equipment under license. So far the Private Sector was involved in the supply of raw materials, semi-finished products, parts and components of defence equipment.

2. Guidelines have been issued by the Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion in January, 2002 in consultation with the Ministry of Defence regarding the modalities for consideration of applications of Private entrepreneurs for grant license. Although a few applications have been received, no private company has as yet commenced manufacture of arms and ammunitions.

3. The following stipulations have been made in the guidelines regarding the sale of arms and ammunitions manufactured by the Private entrepreneurs:—

Arms and ammunitions produced by the private manufacturers will be primarily sold to the Ministry of Defence.These items may also be sold to other Government entities under the control of Ministry of Home Affairs and State Government with the prior approval of the Ministry of Defence. No such item should be sold within the country to any other person or entity. The export of manufactured items would be subject to policy and guidelines as applicable to Ordnance Factories and Defence Public Sector Undertakings. Non-lethal items would be permitted for sale to persons/ entities other than the Central or State Governments with the prior approval of the Ministry of Defence.

Assistance provided to kith and kin of deceased soldiers

†780. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of soldiers of different categories died in various

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